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IN APPLICATIONS: **MULTI-BIT DRIVER**
APPLICATION NO.: 09/902,718
FILING DATE: 07/12/2001
APPLICANT: BEAUCHAMP
PRIMARY EXAMINER: JONI DANGANAN
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I, FERN BEAUCHAMP make oath and say as follows:

I am the applicant in the above mentioned application and have received communication from the Examiner, namely Joni B. Danganan, dated 04/24/2002, in which she has cited against our application, US Patent No.: 6,332,384 by Gary Paul Cluthe which was filed on February 9, 2001.

I hereby claim a prior invention date by virtue of our provisional patent application 60/219,446 filed July 20, 2000 which described and claimed the identical subject matter contained in our regular application filed on July 12, 2001 and claiming continuing data from the Provisional Application 60/219,446 filed July 20, 2000.

Now shown to me and included as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit is a copy of the filing receipt received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicating that our Provisional Application was filed on July 20, 2000 under Application No.: 60/219,446. Now shown to me and attached as Exhibit "B" to this my Affidavit is a copy of the filing receipt received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office of our regular Application No.: 09/902,718 filed July 12, 2001 claiming continuation and priority from our Provisional Application 60/219,446 filed July 20, 2000.

Therefore, our filing date and date of invention is prior to that claimed by Cluthe in US

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Patent No.: 6,332,384 and therefore, this patent should not be cited against our application.

SWORN BEFORE ME in the City of)
Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario,)
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this 17 day of July, 2002.)

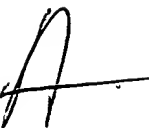

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